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MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
of the
SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY
and the
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 1, 2004

1. Call to order.

The two hundred ninety first joint meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Advisory Committee was called to order by Conservancy Chairperson Jerome C. Daniel at 7:42 p.m. on March 1, 2004 at the Temescal Conference and Retreat Center, Pacific Palisades, California.

2. Roll Call of Conservancy.

The Conservancy roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Begley, Jr., Jody Noiron, Linda Parks, Hal Ross, Woody Smeck, Ron Schafer, Jonathan Zasloff, Elizabeth Cheadle, Vice Chair and Jerome C. Daniel, Chair. Quorum present.

3. Roll Call of Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Committee roll was called and the following members were present: Claudia Bill De La Peña, Caroline Brown, Ed Corridori, Heinz Ellersieck, Mark Johnson, Alan Kishbaugh, Barry Read, Bruce Saito, Dennis Seider, Lorraine Slattery, Nancy Stephens, Timothy Wendler, and George Lange, Acting Chair. The following members were absent: Dave Brown, Lesley Devine, Richard Gould, Roseann Mikos, Linda Palmer, Paul Rockenstein, Thomas Seifert, Marc Stirdivant, Liane Weintraub, Anthony Portantino, Vice Chair, and Don Robinson, Chair. Quorum present. The following member was present subsequent to roll call: Michael Cacciotti.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, Executive Director, FAICP; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Director; Laurie Collins, Chief Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; MRCA staff: Reva Feldman, Deputy Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Urban Programs; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Stephanie Landregan, Chief of Landscape, Architecture, and Design; Tracy Dockery, Staff Manager, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

4. Introduction of Legislative Participants or their staff.

The Chair announced that Laura Plotkin was present. The following legislative participants were absent: Gloria Romero, George Magallanes, Caroline Kraft, Ernestine Moore, and Louise Rishoff.

5. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of October 27, 2003 were submitted for approval.

The minutes of October 27, 2003 were approved as submitted.

6. Reports.

The Conservancy and the Advisory Committee received verbal reports from the Chairperson, the National Park Service representative, the State Parks representative, the Executive Director, and the Chairperson of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority.

7. Members comments on matters not on the agenda.

Comments were made by Advisory Committee Acting Chair, George Lange, and Conservancy members Linda Parks, and Jonathan Zasloff.

[Mr. Cacciotti arrived at 8:10 p.m.]

8. Comments from members of the public on items not on the agenda and public testimony on all agenda items.

The following persons addressed the Conservancy:

Mr. Kraig Hill, as an individual, on ninety five coastal acres in Eastern Malibu.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Kishbaugh.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and Mr. Hill.

Mr. Robert Gorski, as an individual, on item item 11.

9. Consent Calender:

- (a) **Consideration of resolution authorizing the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to expend the Eastern Santa Monica Mountains Contingency Fund to acquire properties within Los Angeles County Chapter 8 Agreement No. 2187, Los Angeles.**
- (b) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for Tick Canyon project (VTT No. 060259), unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley.**
- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for The River Village Project within the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, Santa Clarita.**

Item 9(a) was removed from the Agenda.

At the request of Ms. Parks, item 9(c) was removed from the Consent Calendar.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-16.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-16 was unanimously adopted.

9(c). Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to Los Angeles County on Notice of Preparation for The River Village Project within the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan, Santa Clarita.

Comments were made by Ms. Parks.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Corridori, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-17.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-17 was unanimously adopted.

10. Presentation by the California Institute of Public Affairs.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from Ted Tryzna, President of the California Institute of Public Affairs.

Comments were made by the Chair and the Executive Director.

11. Presentation by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Landscape Architecture Division on accessible trails and opportunities within agency parks.

The Conservancy received a verbal report from the Chief of Landscape, Architecture, and Design.

Comments were made by Mr. Wendler.

12. Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Simi Valley on Notice of Preparation for Balcaro senior housing and golf course project between the Arroyo Simi and Tierra Rejada Valley.

Questions were propounded by Ms. Slattery.

Comments were made by the Executive Director, Ms. Parks, Mr. Smeck, and Mr. Johnson.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-20.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-20 was unanimously adopted.

13. Consideration of resolution authorizing the transfer of two lots (Lots 29 and 30) to the Department of Parks and Recreation, Sylvia Park Tract, Topanga Canyon, and authorizing the Executive Director to negotiate any necessary deed restrictions.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Cacciotti, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-21.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Begley, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-21 was unanimously adopted.

Comments were made by Mr. Schafer.

- 14. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority regarding operations and management of Conservancy properties and exchange of services, equipment, and office facilities.**

The Executive Director presented the Staff Report on this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Zasloff.

Comments were made by the Executive Director and the Chair.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Mr. Seider, duly seconded, the Advisory Committee recommended adoption of Resolution No. 04-22.

CONSERVANCY CONSIDERATION:

On motion of Ms. Cheadle, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-22 was unanimously adopted.

- 15. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement regarding appointment of an at-large member.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

- 16. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to require adoption of an annual workprogram, and related provisions.**

This item was postponed to a later date.

- 17. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the Santa Clarita Watershed Recreation and Conservation Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement to require adoption of an annual workprogram, and related provisions.**

This item was removed from the agenda.

- 18. Closed Session: (The Conservancy may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Section 11126 Subdivision (c)(7)(A), Section 11126.3(a), and Section 11126 Subdivision (e) of the Government Code. Confidential memoranda related to the following items may be considered during such closed session discussions.) Discussion and possible action regarding pending and/or potential litigation: *City of Malibu v. California Coastal Commission, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.; Ramirez Canyon Preservation Fund v. California Coastal Commission; Friends of Temescal Canyon, Inc. v Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy et al.***

No closed session was held.

- 19. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.**

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on March 22, 2004. There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

JOSEPH T. EDMISTON, FAICP
Executive Director

JEROME C. DANIEL
Chairperson